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### CALL FOR MEETING

THE NATIONAL AFRO-AMERICAN COUNCIL AT BALTIMORE, MD., JUNE 26-28, 1907.

To the Members of the Afro-American Council, Delegates from Local Councils and Affiliated Organizations, such as Churches, Colleges, Benevolent Societies, Newspapers and other Race Organizations.

The Tenth Annual Session of the National Afro-American Council will be held at Baltimore, Md., June 26, 27, and 28, 1907.

The Necessity for the Meeting.

The unceasing energy of those bent upon the creation of a public sentiment adverse to the Afro-Americans. The open advocacy by Senator Tillman, Governor Vardaman, John Temple Graves and others of the repeal of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the Federal Constitution, thus reducing the Afro-Americans of the South to serfdom; the timid and uncertain stand of those who essay to befriend us, even to President Roosevelt, who has said so much about "fair play" and the "Door of Hope" but who has dealt us a severe blow in the dismissal of the colored soldiers of the 25th Infantry without an adequate trial; the bold and defiant assaults of those satisfied with nothing short of our absolute undoing, certainly necessitates the meeting of the leaders of the race in an advisory way. The situation is grave and demands the exercise of wisdom, prudence, patience, and intelligent effort to overcome the dangers menacing what political and civil rights we have left.

A Plea for Unity.

Realizing the necessity of united action of all our forces, we invite the representatives of all similar organizations of be present at our meeting. In this crisis we all should be willing to lay aside all jealousies, bickerings and strife meet and confer together on vital questions which concern us all. At all hazard, let all the factions get together and make a united attack upon the enemy.

Work of the Council.

The Afro-American Council has seconded the efforts of the press in creating a favorable sentiment against lynching, and the humiliating "jim crow car" law. It has brought encouragement and hope to many of the leaders of our race who had become discouraged, and it is still battling, and will ever battle against all forms of injustice and discriminations. An Urgent Appeal for a Large Attendance.

It is the earnest desire of the officers and members of the National Council that every religious organization, every college, benevolent society, newspaper, indeed all race organizations send at least one representative to the Baltimore meeting. We believe that it will be the largest and best in every way that we ever had.

Basis of Membership—Article III of Constitution.

Section 1. The National Afro-American Council shall be composed of members as follows:

1. All persons who hold life membership.

2. Council delegates representing duly accredited local councils.

3. Affiliated delegates, representing organizations of similar plans and purposes co-operating with the National Afro-American Council.

Section 2. Every local Afro-American Council shall be entitled to representation in the National Council by delegates elected on the basis of one delegate to every fifty members, said delegates to qualify upon presentation of credentials and payment of five cents for each member so represented. Provided, however, that any local Council having less than fifty members shall be entitled to two votes upon presentation of credentials and payment of the annual tax of three dollars.

Section 3. Religious and secular organizations which have for their aim and work the mental and moral elevation of their race, and which desire to co-operate with the National Council may be represented by affiliated delegates, not more than two delegates to each organization. Said delegates should have the right to vote upon payment of three dollars for each delegate.

Section 4. Editors of Afro-American newspapers and Principals of Academic Schools and Colleges may be admitted to membership in the National Council and be entitled to a vote upon presentation of credentials and payment of the annual tax, three dollars.

A Truly Representative Body.

From the above it will be seen that the National Afro-American Council is a representative body. The mere payment of three dollars does not entitle one to membership. The Council must be assured that each person enrolled represents a local Council or an affiliated organization, is an editor of an Afro-American newspaper, or is the principal of an Academic school or college.

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Lynching, Disfranchisement and Separate Coach Laws, are the Paramount Questions to be Discussed.

While many of the questions relative to the rights of our race will be considered, it has been decided that the above named questions shall have the right of way.

Speeches Should Be Short and to the Point.

By the action of the National Afro-American Council each speaker is limited to twenty minutes and in view of the fact that a portion of the Caucasian press of the country is ever ready to misrepresent the words of the Afro-Americans, all speeches must be in manuscript, in order that they may be absolute proof of just what each speaker said.

The citizens of Baltimore are preparing to give the Council a royal good time. Let all organizations above named elect their delegates as soon as possible and send their names to Rev. L. J. Jordan, D. D., 726 Walnut street, Louisville, Ky.

Bishop Alexander Walters, Pres't, William H. Stewart, Ch. Ex. Com., Rev. L. C. Jordan, Cor. Sec'y.

Rev. A. L. Gaines, D.D., Chairman of the local committee, 114 East Centre street, Baltimore, Md., to whom all parties may write for information concerning board, entertainment, etc.

NO BIG HEAD.

When Commissioner West appointed Mr. Louis C. Wilson, formerly his private secretary, to the position of Assistant Assessor, he made no mistake. Mr. Wilson is an accomplished official and a young man who is bound to succeed because he knows no man by the color of his skin on the position he holds. He is never too busy to give the patrons of his office satisfaction when they call. He is no doubt one of the most popular officials in the assessor's office. He is bound to go upward and onward. The Bee congratulates him.

PITTMAN WINS AGAIN.

The Bee some few weeks ago published the proceedings of the executive meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association, relative to allowing a colored architect to draw the plans of the new Y. M. C. A. building. The committee was called together a few weeks ago and unanimously voted to give the contract to Mr. W. Sidney Pittman, who drew the plans for the Negro building for the Jamestown Exposition. Mr. Pittman won his fame and popularity as an architect by industry and perseverance. So well pleased was the committee with the work of Mr. Pittman that he was not asked to enter into competition with anyone. He will not only draw the plans but he will supervise its construction until it is ready to be turned over to the management of the new association. It is said that the new building for the colored Y. M. C.



MR. W. SIDNEY PITTMAN.

A. will be one of the finest structures in this city. Mr. Pittman will put his best efforts on this building and the consensus of opinion is that he will give entire satisfaction. This new plant will cost \$100,000. It will consist of every modern improvement. The granting of this contract to Mr. Pittman is a compliment to him and evidence of the esteem the management of this association entertains for him.

The American Economist failed to mark the article in the issue of the 14th instant, to which it desired to call our attention by sending a "marked copy."

JUNE.

June is the month of roses bright; Some pink, some red and others white. Some will be used for the graduates' spread, Some for the brides' altar instead. And many'll be used to honor the dead. L. C.

### OPEN LETTER

To the Colored Americans of the United States.

Fellow Citizens:—The time has now come for every colored American to be loyal and true to himself. You are no doubt aware that we have been betrayed by those in whom we have confided since our emancipation. We have been betrayed by those who have pretended friendship and today the combined forces of two political parties are crushing out, politically, out brethren in the South.

The question is, Shall we continue to follow blindly political parties corruptly stamped Republicans? Or shall we seek a party that believes in equality of citizenship? Our citizenship is denied us and today we are political nonentities in the South. It can be plainly seen that the man who won by the united votes of the colored Americans is catering to a sentiment that means political as well as physical death to every colored American. We can recognize in one man elements of true leadership. He

### A Great Woman

MRS. CLARK'S TRAINING SCHOOL OF DOMESTIC SCIENCE.

A Woman Who Has Done a Great Work for the Community—Dressmaking, Millinery, Plain Sewing, Drafting and Cooking are Especially Taught—Some of the Best People of Both Races are Interested in this Great Work.

Mrs. L. R. Clark, the subject of this sketch, is no doubt one of the most remarkable women in many respects in the District of Columbia. She is the founder and principal of the Clark Training School, located on the corner of 11th and U streets, Washington, D. C. Her school was organized in 1900 in a private residence, but since that time it has grown so rapidly that she has at present a large two-story brick building, 30 x 100 feet. She has graduated over three hundred young women, many of whom are holding positions of standing.

Among some of those who have made



BISHOP ALEXANDER WALTERS

stands today for human rights. He believes in a "square deal," indeed and in fact. He has demonstrated his power in defense of those who have fought in pitched battles to save this republic. Duty tells us to stand by this man no matter what may come. A man who discriminates against one class of citizens for another is unfit to be the President of the United States. It is true that we live in a republic. It is also true that we have but one flag, but that flag only protects a certain portion of its citizens. How can this republic continue to exist? It is true that our republic has a constitution, but it is disregarded in every particular. A constitution that doesn't protect is worthless in a republic like ours. A President should enforce the constitution when he sees that it is being violated. The question is now, Shall we continue to be the "hewers of wood and the drawers of water? Shall we continue to be the serfs and slaves for political parties?

Shall we sit idle and see our brave soldiers dismissed in disgrace for no offense whatever? Shall we by our votes re-elect this man to the same office? If you believe in manhood rights by all means show it. If you believe in equality of citizenship show it. We should rise or fall with our friends. It is our plain duty to see that every colored American who has a vote should cast it for the Senator from Ohio, Hon. J. B. Foraker. It is also our duty to support no man who believes in the policy of the present administration, no matter who he may be.

The speech of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, delivered in the South, should not soon be forgotten. If there are any colored voters in his district, they should remember that a vote against his re-election would be a gentle reminder. We might as well act now. Delays are dangerous. In every department of the government colored Americans are discriminated against. We have no redress. Our complaints no longer appeal to the judgment of reasonable men. We should not be hasty in pledging our support to parties. Let us consider men. The Editor.



MRS. L. R. CLARK.

along the different lines of domestic science. In a great many cases the ladies who are interested in the school and its great work send their help to Mrs. Clark for special instructions along the line which that particular girl is doing. So great is the demand for domestics, that Mrs. Clark has opened an Employment Bureau for the public, so she can supply her customers with any worthy young lady who will apply to her with reference showing her qualifications and character.

Some one may attempt to criticize a school which is training our girls for domestic services, but it is a fact, however, that over 75 per cent of them are doing domestic work, and since this is a

fact, a school of this kind is really a necessity; for if we wish to dignify and elevate the position of domestics, both at home and in service, we must educate our girls along this line, because the immigration of domestics in this country is thousands yearly, and if our girls are not trained to keep pace with this foreign element, we will soon be displaced by them. The average foreigner can live on a great deal less than the average American.

The domestic problem is almost a matter of self-preservation, for any class of people who make their living as domestics, should see to it that they receive sufficient training to hold their own.

At Mrs. Clark's school she not only trains them as domestics, but as teachers, instructors and housewives. A good example of what some of the young women are doing is Miss Blanche Gibson, a graduate of the class of 1905. She has been teaching Domestic Science in the public schools of Goldsborough, N. C., with much success in the past year. She is in Washington on her vacation. Mrs. Clark was asked by Mrs. A. C. Barney, a wealthy society lady of this city to make and trim eighteen hats, so Mrs. Clark gave this task to this young lady and she so pleased Mrs. Barney with the work that she gave the school and this young lady an excellent recommendation to many of the wealthy society ladies of this city, and Mrs. Clark has had a large patronage from this class. So interested has this class of women been that they have given concerts and made many private donations to this great work.

The commencement exercises this year of the school will be at the Metropolitan Baptist Church, June 27, 1907. Dr. N. W. D. Norman, pastor of the church, will deliver the commencement address. Mr. W. R. Griffin, chief of the True Reformers of the District of Columbia, is master of ceremonies, Dr. W. Bruce Evans, will present the diplomas. Mr. J. A. Lankford, M.S., architect and builder, will give a short history of the school. There will be nineteen graduates, all of whom will receive diplomas.

The work of the noble woman has been so elevating and helpful to the community that every mother irrespectively of color should visit this institution and see to it that this institution should have every convenience to carry on this work in the most up-to-date and scientific way.

Mrs. Clark is a woman of character, refinement, culture and pluck.

THE POPE CASE.

At its annual meeting at Harper's Ferry, W. Va., last August the Niagara Movement assumed the expense of defending Miss Barbara E. Pope who, as a passenger on the Southern Railway between Washington, D. C., and Paconian Springs, Va., had been arrested for alleged violation of the Virginia separate car law. The municipal court of Falls Church, Va., fined Miss Pope ten dollars, and an appeal was taken to the circuit court of Alexandria County, Va., where a jury trial was had October 21 and 22, 1906. The trial resulted in a conviction, and another appeal was noted to the Supreme Court of Virginia. When the record reached that court the Attorney General of the State adopted the unusual method of confessing error; and the case was returned to the circuit court of Alexandria County, Va., with instructions to dismiss the case against Miss Pope and to remit the fine. By this method the Supreme Court dodged passing upon the validity of the separate car law of its own legislature. This was in effect a victory for the Niagara Movement.

On the dismissal of the criminal charge against Miss Pope, civil action was instituted in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia against the Southern Railway Company for \$50,000. The case came to trial June 3, and resulted in a verdict of one cent for Miss Pope. While the damages are insignificant, the charge of the judge and the verdict of the jury mean that the Virginia separate car law does not apply to interstate passengers. The Niagara Movement has thus achieved a signal victory; but because the damages awarded by the jury were not proportioned to the indignity and suffering caused to Miss Pope, the case has been appealed.

BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD. Popular Excursions to NIAGARA FALLS. Only \$1.00 Round Trip.

June 28, July 19, August 2 and 16, September 6 and 20, October 4, 1907.

Excursion tickets will be sold on above dates, good going only on Special Train leaving Washington at 7:45 A. M., arriving Niagara Falls at 11:00 P. M.

Tickets valid for return ten (10) days, including date of sale, on all regular trains, except "Black Diamond Express" of Lehigh Valley Route.

Call on ticket agents for pamphlet giving full particulars as to stop-overs, side trips, etc.

### PARAGRAPHIC NEWS

BY MISS BEATRIZ L. CHASE.

We learn from the Afro-American Ledger that a new Roman Catholic Church in Baltimore has the following words on its front: "St. Barnabas Catholic Church, for colored people!"

The Southern Reporter praises North Carolina's governor for his words of encouragement given in his address at the commencement exercises at Livingston College.

Dr. S. O. Johnson, a graduate of Howard University passed the examination in dentistry before the Maryland State Board, and will practice in Baltimore.

The appearance of the S. S. Headlight, a semi-monthly published at Rock Hill, S. C., reflects credit upon its editor, Mr. Jas. W. Eichelberger, Jr., and the associate, Miss Nettie C. Crockett.

Bishop J. W. Smith preached at Wesley A. M. E. Z. Church, Philadelphia last Sunday, and a reception was given the Bishop the following evening at the residence of Dr. G. L. Blackwell.

The fifth annual session of the G. U. O. of Galilean Fishermen will convene in this city, August 6.

Register Vernon lectured last Monday evening at Bethel Church, Chicago.

Mr. A. H. Blake, editor of the Western Opinion, delivered the alumni address in Cairo Opera House at Cairo, Ill.

"Every district in Kansas City, Mo., is to be supplied with natural gas, and it will be the privilege of each family to take advantage of the fluid," says the Rising Sun.

Dr. Geo. Dearborn says "that conscientiousness is an attribute of all living matter."

At the banquet given by the medical society in Chicago, Dr. D. H. Williams had "Pioneer Physicians" as the subject of his address.

Mr. Henry E. Baker has a very complimentary letter concerning Mr. Roscoe Bruce in the New Light.

The headquarters located at Washington and Richmond of the Jamestown Negro exhibit are now located in Norfolk, Va.

Mr. Daniel Weeks, who died in Chicago the 5th instant, was born in Alexandria, Va., in 1858, moved to Zanesville in 1859. There were 11 children, two of whom died in infancy, the remaining 9 reaching mature age. Mr. Daniel is the first of the 9 to answer the summons. His father died in 1891 and his mother in 1898.

The health officer states that about 20 or 25 per cent of the cows of each herd supplying milk to the District have tuberculosis.

Miss Phoebe W. Cousins, for years a supporter of women's rights, now says that the country is not ready to have women vote and it will not be for some time to come.

Mr. Lee Wood was present at the S. S. Union, which met June 9 at Oak Union, Va.

From reports, Dame Fashion is about to introduce the tight bodice and thus bring back the wash-waist, caused by tight lacing.

Mrs. H. A. Taylor celebrated her 101st birthday anniversary last Thursday at the residence of her daughter. Mrs. Taylor is the mother of 14 children, 22 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. She was born a slave in Virginia.

Mr. John Carter, an old actor, died last Saturday at the age of 87, at his home in Philadelphia.

A case of smallpox was discovered and the patient carried to the Smallpox Hospital last Sunday afternoon.

Of the 27 cows and heifers at the Washington Asylum from which the milk of that institution is supplied, 8 were condemned as diseased.

Captain Badger of the navy condemns the term "middles," used by newspapers, for midshipmen and other slang terms in referring to attaches of the navy.

Mr. Wm. Parker, an employee of the W. N. Tel. Company, was stricken with paralysis yesterday a week ago and died the following evening.

The War College board moved into the new building in the Washington Barracks reservation last Thursday. The building cost \$7,000,000.

Senator Beveridge sailed for Germany last Tuesday on the steamship Kron Prinz Wilhelm. He expects to be gone several months.

THE SOUVENIR.

The National Baptist Publishing Board, R. H. Boyd, D.D., LL.D., secretary, issued a beautiful heart-shaped aluminum souvenir for the N. B. S. Congress and B. Y. P. U., Chautauqua. We appreciate the souvenir and compliment the board for its beauty and uniqueness.

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